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(54) Character input device and method

indication input unit.

(57) To provide an information processing device with superior portability with a minimum of hardware, which is capable of inputting characters both easily and effectively, an information processing method, and a storage medium. There is provided a character group display step for displaying a plurality of character groups at one time, a left right direction indication input unit for inputting left and right direction indication, an up down direction indication input unit for inputting up and down direction indication, a character group selection unit for moving a selected position in response to left and right direction indication input using the left right direction indication input unit and selecting one of the character groups displayed on the character group display unit, and a character selection unit for sequentially selecting and displaying one of the characters included in the character group selected by the character group selection unit in response to direction indication input from the up down direction

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